

In the Claims

Cancel claims 49-59, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 6, 17, 20, 31, and 60 as set forth in the following Listing of Claims.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A tape dispenser comprising a support for a roll of tape and a dispensing arm extending radially of said support and having a top and a bottom, said bottom including a tape guide having along which tape is dispensed, said tape guide having an outer end, laterally spaced apart opposite sides and a central portion between and spaced below said sides for
5 said tape guide to impart a concave contour to tape relative to said sides of said outer end at said tape
guide.

2. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 1, wherein said bottom of said arm has inner and outer ends, said tape guide extending from said inner end and terminating at said outer end.

3. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 2, said arm further including a tape applicator forwardly of said outer end of said bottom.

4. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 1, and a tape retaining tab extending inwardly in overlying relation to each of the opposite sides of said tape guide.

5. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 1, wherein said bottom of said arm has inner and outer ends with respect to said support, said tape guide including a plurality of ribs extending in the direction between said inner and outer ends.

6. (Currently amended) A tape dispenser comprising a support for a roll of tape and a dispensing arm extending radially of said support and having a top and a bottom, said bottom including a tape guide having laterally spaced apart opposite sides and a central portion between and spaced below said sides, said bottom of said arm having inner and outer ends with respect to said support, said tape guide including a plurality of ribs extending in the direction between said inner and outer ends, and The tape dispenser of claim 5, wherein said central portion ~~includes~~ including a pair of central ribs extending from said inner end and terminating at said outer end.

7. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 6, wherein said opposite sides of said tape guide include ledges extending in said direction.

8. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 6, wherein said plurality of ribs includes a rib laterally outwardly adjacent each of said central ribs.

9. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 8, wherein said opposite sides of said tape guide include ledges extending in said direction.

10. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 9, and a tape retaining tab extending inwardly in overlying relation to each of the opposite sides of said tape guide.

11. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 10, wherein the ribs laterally outwardly adjacent said central ribs extend from said inner end of said bottom and terminate adjacent said tape retaining tabs.

12. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 11, wherein said ledges have inner ends spaced forwardly of said inner end of said bottom and terminate at said outer end of said bottom.

13. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 5, wherein said arm further includes a tape applicator forwardly of said outer end of said bottom.

14. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 13, wherein said applicator includes a serrated cutting edge.

15. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 1, wherein said bottom of said arm has inner and outer ends with respect to said support, and a tape applicator forwardly of said outer end.

16. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 15, wherein said applicator includes a serrated cutting edge.

17. (Currently amended) A tape dispenser comprising a support for a roll of tape and a dispensing arm extending radially of said support and having a top and a bottom, said bottom including a tape guide having laterally spaced apart opposite sides and a central portion between and spaced below said sides. ~~The tape dispenser of claim 1, wherein said bottom of said arm has having~~
 5 inner and outer ends with respect to said support and said arm ~~includes~~ including side walls between said top and bottom thereof, said side walls having outer and inner sides, said inner sides providing said opposite sides of said tape guide, and said outer sides converging in the direction from said inner end of said tape guide toward said outer end thereof.

18. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 17, wherein said outer and inner sides of said side walls merge adjacent said outer end of said tape guide.

19. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 1, wherein said support is an annular hub and said bottom of said arm is spaced from and extends radially of said hub.

20. (Currently amended) A tape dispenser comprising a support for a roll of tape and a dispensing arm extending radially of said support and having a top and a bottom, said bottom including a tape guide having laterally spaced apart opposite sides and a central portion between and spaced below said sides, said support being an annular hub and said bottom of said arm being spaced
 5 from and extending radially of said hub. ~~The tape dispenser of claim 19, wherein said bottom of said arm has having~~ inner and outer ends with respect to said support and said arm ~~includes~~ including side walls between said top and bottom thereof, said side walls having outer and inner sides, said inner sides providing said opposite sides of said tape guide, and said outer sides converging in the

direction from said inner end of said tape guide toward said outer end thereof and merging adjacent
10 said outer end of said tape guide.

21. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 20, and a tape applicator outwardly of said
outer end of said tape guide having a serrated cutting edge.

22. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 21, wherein said central portion includes
a pair of central ribs extending from said inner end and terminating at said outer end and wherein
said opposite sides of said tape guide include ledges extending in said direction.

23. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 22, wherein said tape guide further
includes a rib laterally outwardly adjacent each of said central ribs.

24. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 23, and a tape retaining tab extending
inwardly in overlying relation to each of the opposite sides of said tape guide.

25. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 24, wherein the ribs laterally outwardly
adjacent said central ribs extend from said inner end of said bottom and terminate adjacent said tape
retaining tabs and wherein said ledges have inner ends spaced forwardly of said inner end of said
bottom and terminate at said outer end of said bottom.

26. (Original) A tape dispenser comprising a planar wall, a tape roll support
extending transverse to said wall and having an axis and an end spaced from said planar wall, an

arcuate wall extending transverse to said planar wall and being radially spaced from said tape roll support and overlying a portion thereof, said planar wall including a first arm portion extending
 5 radially outwardly of said tape roll support, a second arm portion extending from said arcuate wall transverse to said first arm portion and having an end spaced toward said end of said tape roll support, a planar third arm portion extending from said end of said second arm portion parallel to said first arm portion, said first and third arm portions having opposed inner sides and bottom edges, and a tape guide between said inner sides including guide surfaces on said inner sides and a central
 10 portion between and spaced below said guide surfaces.

27. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 26, and a tape retaining tab extending inwardly of the bottom edge of each said first and third arm portion.

28. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 26, wherein said tape guide has an end spaced from said tape roll support, and a tape applicator extending from said end of said tape guide upwardly and outwardly of said bottom edges of said first and third arm portions.

29. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 28, wherein said tape applicator includes a serrated cutting edge between said first and third arm portions.

30. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 26, wherein said guide surfaces include ledges extending along said inner sides of said first and third arm portions.

31. (Currently amended) A tape dispenser comprising a planar wall, a tape roll support extending transverse to said wall and having an axis and an end spaced from said planar wall, an arcuate wall extending transverse to said planar wall and being radially spaced from said tape roll support and overlying a portion thereof, said planar wall including a first arm portion extending
5 radially outwardly of said tape roll support, a second arm portion extending from said arcuate wall transverse to said first arm portion and having an end spaced toward said end of said tape roll support, a planar third arm portion extending from said end of said second arm portion parallel to said first arm portion, said first and third arm portions having opposed inner sides and bottom edges, a tape guide between said inner sides including guide surfaces on said inner sides and a central
10 portion between and spaced below said guide surfaces, said guide surfaces including ledges extending along said inner sides of said first and third arm portions, and ~~The tape dispenser of claim 30,~~ wherein said tape guide ~~has~~ having an end spaced from said tape roll support, said ledges terminating at said end of said tape guide.

32. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 31, wherein said ledges are inclined downwardly and outwardly relative to said bottom edges of said first and third arm portions and merge with the bottom edges at said end of said tape guide.

33. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 32, wherein said first and third arm portions have outer sides converging with respect to the corresponding inner side in the direction of said end of said tape guide.

34. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 33, wherein the outer and inner sides of each said first and third arm portions merge adjacent said end of said tape guide.

35. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 34, wherein said central portion of said tape guide includes at least one rib depending from said second arm portion parallel to said first and third arm portions.

36. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 35, wherein said tape guide further includes a rib depending from said second arm portion between said central portion and the inner side of each said first and third arm portions and parallel to the corresponding inner side.

37. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 36, wherein said central portion includes a pair of ribs, said tape guide has an inner end, said pair of ribs and the ribs between the central portion and inner sides of said first and third arm portions extending forwardly from said inner end, and said pair of ribs terminating at said end of said tape guide.

38. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 37, and a tape retaining tab extending inwardly of the bottom edge of each said first and third arm portion and rearwardly of said end of said tape guide.

39. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 38, and a tape applicator extending from said end of said bottom edges of said first and third arm portions.

40. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 39, wherein said tape applicator includes a serrated cutting edge between said first and third arm portions.

41. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 40, wherein said tape roll support includes a cylindrical hub.

42. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 1, further including a manually operable brake for restraining rotation of a tape roll mounted on said support.

43. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 42, wherein said support includes a hub for rotatably receiving a tape roll, said brake being on said hub.

44. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 42, wherein said support includes a hub for rotatably receiving a tape roll, said brake including a wall overlying said hub and being displaceable toward said hub.

45. (Original) The tape dispenser according to claim 26, further including a manually operable brake for restraining rotation of a tape roll mounted on said support.

46. (Original) The tape dispenser according to claim 45, wherein said arcuate wall is interconnected with said planar wall for radial displacement toward and away from said tape roll support to provide said brake.

47. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 45, wherein said tape roll support includes a cylindrical hub, said brake being on said hub.

48. (Original) The tape dispenser of claim 47, wherein said brake includes an arm extending circumferentially of said hub and having an end integral with said hub and a free end displaceable radially outwardly and inwardly of said hub.

Claims 49-59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently amended) A tape dispenser comprising a support for a roll of tape and a dispensing arm extending radially of said support and having a top and a bottom, said bottom including a tape guide having an outer end, laterally spaced apart opposite sides and a central portion between said sides, said central portion of said tape guide bottom being arched downwardly at said outer end in a direction transverse to said opposite sides.